

REMARKS

The present response cancels claims 99, 133, 152, 170, 188, and 206 in conformity with the following remarks. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in claims 99, 133, 152, 170, 188, and 206 canceled herein. Claims 1-46, 47, 55, and 65 remain pending in the captioned case.

Section 121 Restriction

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby elect Group I method claims 1-46, 47, 55, 65, and 99 and cancel non-elected Groups II, III, IV claims 133, 152, 170, 188, and 206. In response to the Examiner's species restriction of the Group I claims, Applicants hereby elect species A (claims 1-47, 55, and 65) and cancel non-elected species B (claim 99).

CONCLUSION

The present amendment and response is believed to be a complete response to the issues raised in the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5589-00501.

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